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To: District Curriculum Directors

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Subject: **Revised Core- P.E. Credit for Dance Activities**

The revised secondary Physical Education Core Curriculum expands opportunities and selections for students in the *Individualized Lifetime Activities* course. Classes teaching lifetime activities may be offered and taught by individuals outside of the physical education department. Teachers of these activities must be specialists in the activities offered, and they must have current certification cards in First Aid and CPR. These classes must also be approved by the school administration and the physical education department chair-person.

Dance and physical education are partners in developing skills and attitudes for a life-long healthy lifestyle. The Dance Core Curriculum was developed incorporating many of the same standards found in the Physical Education Core. Most dance instructors are certified to teach dance as a lifetime activity. Those who do not have the certification listed on CACTUS may apply through USOE Educator Licensing to gain the certification to teach a specific dance activity for physical education credit.

The dance classes which may be offered as *Individualized Lifetime Activities* are limited. Students may take *Dance I*, *Dance II* or *Dance III* for physical education credit to fulfill the *Individualized Lifetime Activities* graduation requirement. They may not be used in lieu of any other required physical education classes. All other dance classes may be taken for fine arts or elective graduation credit.

Districts may implement the new physical education curriculum in the 2005-2006 school year or wait until after the 2005-2006 professional development experiences are completed to implement in 2006-2007.

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